

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b> Jason SCOTT et al. App. No.: 09/955,394 Filed: September 17, 2001 For: ENHANCING UTILITY AND DIVERSIFYING MODEL RISK IN A PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION FRAMEWORK	<b>Examiner:</b> CHEUNG, Mary Group Art Unit: 3694 Conf. No.: 1548 Docket No.: FINA-000410
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.